

To: Whom it may concern at the FCC
Re: Lifting the cross-ownership ban

Please do not lift the cross-ownership ban to allow further media consolidation. For many reasons, this will not serve the public interest. If one parent company is controlling many television stations and newspapers, that parent company cannot help but influence the content and beliefs portrayed in the news. No matter how hard the company tries, the beliefs of the owners and executors of the company will influence its managers, executives, and other employees. This will not allow for diversity of opinion and will create a "big brother" type of situation, wherein one or two big companies are influencing, CONTROLLING, the news that reaches the American people. This is anti-American, democratic beliefs, this anti- freedom of the press. If one company is managing the major newspapers and news stations that I watch and listen to, then I am not receiving the full picture---my news is biased by the fact that it is not a mixture of varied and very different opinions. This is! wrong!!! Thanks you for reading this. Tracy Carpenter